

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT**  
**INFORMAL BRIEF**

No. 24-1479, Margaret Smith v. Stephanie McComas

5:24-cv-00015

**1. Declaration of Inmate Filing**

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Date NOTICE OF APPEAL deposited in institution's mail system: _____	
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct (see 28 U.S.C. § 1746; 18 U.S.C. § 1621).	
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**2. Jurisdiction**

Name of court or agency from which review is sought:

*WV Federal District Court of Southern W Va, Beckley WV*

Date(s) of order or orders for which review is sought:

*2/21/2024    12/29/2021    3/30/2022    7/29/2022    2/23/24*

**3. Issues for Review**

Use the following spaces to set forth the facts and argument in support of the issues you wish the Court of Appeals to consider. The parties may cite case law, but citations are not required.

**Issue 1.** *State Action Doctrine Actor and Federal Action Doctrine Actors, destroyed my civil cases*  
*- Violation of Civil Rights, human rights, 25 years of*  
*- tracking me wherever where I went.*

**Supporting Facts and Argument.**

Was I a organized Crime investigation for 25 years, there was a conspiracy started on me, and Homeland Security, put tracking devices on me and I never know about it. Civil Rights violated, Color of law violation and Brien. I was followed and homeland security would shut down Wi-Fi to library while I was there to stop me from filing a complaint on the internet

**Issue 2.**

**Supporting Facts and Argument.**

~~My~~ my life was threaten. My information on the State Police computer was removed by Homeland Security in Beckley and Charleston WV to erase my information so I could not use it in my Court Case when it would go to trial

**Issue 3.**

**Supporting Facts and Argument.**

- My home + car was listening devices  
- in Va I stayed and Homeland Security follow me there also, to stop me from filing a law suit against them  
Civil rights were violated stopped me for 25 yrs of getting any money from Federal Investigation into Organized Crime investigations

**Issue 4.**

**Supporting Facts and Argument**

My Money was ~~be~~ stolen by people in government two different times.

#### 4. Relief Requested

Identify the precise action you want the Court of Appeals to take:

~~I want~~ so who ever was behind this attack on me to go to jail, and be compensated for mental & emotional pain, from Homeland Security, and FBI, \$250 million

#### 5. Prior appeals (for appellants only)

A. Have you filed other cases in this court? Yes [ ] No ☒

B. If you checked YES, what are the case names and docket numbers for those appeals and what was the ultimate disposition of each?

Margaret Jean Smith

Signature

[Notarization Not Required]

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I certify that on 7-19-2024 I served a copy of this Informal Brief on all parties, addressed as shown below:

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United States Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit  
Federal Southern District Court of West Virginia

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**Issue 1.** Civil Rights violated: constitutional Law: patent law:  
A- my Court filing on the court settlements where FBI/DOJ  
paid everyone from my filing & I was not told of settlement.  
B- I was kept from getting an attorney for 30 years by  
Homeland Security in W Va.  
C- Daughter Filed a lawsuit against Homeland Security  
and got money that I was to have gotten by using

#### Supporting Facts and Argument.

Stephanie Renee McComas, filed a law suit. ~~to go~~ in magistrate court in West Va against Homeland Security, that had been violating my Civil Rights. for 25 years. Tracked me everywhere I went, stopped me from getting an attorney. And my daughter received the money and kept me from any settlement. By Sealing

My Argument: is it was done by legal means by using mental health claims by my daughter & her lawyer. She sealed the court records so I could not get information to file a Civil Rights case of my own.

#### Issue 2.

#### Supporting Facts and Argument.

My Court filing S-2022-cv-954 Patent was stolen by my daughter. and she and a lawyer filed a patent in my name & I never got any royalties.

Because I was kept from obtain a lawyer for 25 years because of a conspiracy of my State & Government officials I was unable to get any help to file a claim of any kind.

#### Issue 3.

#### Supporting Facts and Argument.

Federal Actor Doctrine Actors and State Action Doctrine Actor. Stopped my civil case. violated my civil rights. My daughter civil case is sealed so I can not get file information.

Issue 4. There was interference and intrusion on a persons right by either a government entity or by a private requirement that can be enforced only by government action.

#### Supporting Facts and Argument

The Federal Action Doctrine Actor Cause my Court Case filing to her imposed to and State Action Doctrine also Violated my right to a fair trial and the privacy of human rights.

#### 4. Relief Requested

Identify the precise action you want the Court of Appeals to take: *Settlement from D.O.J./FBI and W.V. Home Land*  
*Reopen my Civil Rights. The DOJ did a settlement in Beckley Federal Court. I was not contacted by anyone. My Civil Case was on the docket and over 500 people were there. But I was not informed that a lawsuit had been filed on me for the money because I was unable to get my filing there because I was kept from getting an attorney for 25 years. by. I would like a private settlement from FBI and Homeland Security. I want the name of inventor back of the Flat Screen TV.*

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